

## **Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 38**

### **RESOLUTION CHAPTER 40**

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 38—Relative to Vintners Hall of Fame.

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#### **LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST**

ACR 38, Evans. Culinary Institute of America at Greystone: Vintners Hall of Fame.

This measure would congratulate the Culinary Institute of America at Greystone on the occasion of the establishment of its Vintners Hall of Fame and first annual induction ceremony, and commend its inaugural recipients for their efforts to serve as the voice of the California wine industry and for their contributions to the wine regions throughout the State of California.

WHEREAS, On March 9, 2007, The Culinary Institute of America at Greystone will host the First Annual Vintners Hall of Fame Dinner at the St. Helena campus, and it is appropriate at this time to draw the special attention of the public to this prestigious event; and

WHEREAS, The Vintners Hall of Fame was created to honor and recognize California's wine industry pioneers, founders, and icons; and

WHEREAS, The Vintners Hall of Fame annual induction dinner and gala fundraising reception will endow new scholarship programs for the Rudd Center for Professional Wine Studies at The Culinary Institute of America at Greystone; and

WHEREAS, Founded in 1946, The Culinary Institute of America is an independent, nonprofit college offering bachelor's and associate degrees in culinary arts and baking and pastry arts; and

WHEREAS, A network of more than 37,000 alumni in foodservice and hospitality has helped earn The Culinary Institute of America its reputation as one of the world's premier culinary colleges; and

WHEREAS, Courses for foodservice professionals are offered at the college's main campus in Hyde Park, New York, and at The Culinary Institute of America at Greystone's campus in St. Helena; and

WHEREAS, Greystone also offers baking and pastry, advanced culinary arts, and wine certifications; and

WHEREAS, The Culinary Institute of America at Greystone has announced six wine industry founders and two wine industry icons to join Robert Mondavi in the Vintners Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, Founders, who are vintners whose early ventures planted the roots of the present-day California wine industry, include Andre

Tchelistcheff, Georges de Latour, Charles Krug, Agoston Haraszthy, Gustave Niebaum, and Brother Timothy; and

WHEREAS, Icons, who are individuals whose achievements have contributed to the establishment and growth of the California wine industry, include Maynard Amerine and Harold Olmo; and

WHEREAS, The reception and dinner ceremony will gather the elite of the California and International Wine industries to honor Robert Mondavi's pioneering contributions to wine in America; and

WHEREAS, Robert Mondavi's commitment to advancing California's wine industry motivated him to produce wines that were intended to compete with premium European brands; and

WHEREAS, Robert Mondavi's induction into the Hall of Fame cites the fundamental changes in the industry that are a result of the risks he took throughout his life's mission that range from the introduction of cold fermentation in stainless steel tanks, the use of French oak barrels, to the collaboration with the National Aeronautics and Space Administration using aerial imaging to understand the health and vigor of the vines; and

WHEREAS, Robert Mondavi, who has been at the forefront of wine education and innovation, views winegrowing and winemaking as a collaboration with nature, and the wine as a natural expression of the soil, climate, and vine; and

WHEREAS, To further honor Robert Mondavi, a sculpture in his likeness created by artist Larry Nolan, of L.J.N. Sculpture in Windsor, Vermont, will be unveiled as the first of many to be on display to the public in the Vintners Hall of Fame room at Greystone; and

WHEREAS, The California wine industry has a long and continuing history and, in recent decades has become recognized for producing the world's finest wine; and

WHEREAS, Through ongoing research, wine education, and innovation, California's vintners further enhance the quality and competitiveness of their products and, under their leadership, the story of California wine continues to evolve; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate thereof concurring,* That the Legislature congratulates the Culinary Institute of America at Greystone on the occasion of the establishment of its Vintners Hall of Fame and first annual induction ceremony, and commends its inaugural recipients for their stellar efforts to serve as the voice of the California wine industry and for their contributions to the beautiful and diverse wine regions throughout the state; and be it further

*Resolved,* That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies of the resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.